Yoga Classes in Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga

1875. SHRI HARENDRA SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether free Yoga classes offered to general public in Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga, New Delhi have been closed down indefinitely from 4th June, 2004 without making any alternative arrangement for hundreds of Yoga sadhakas who used to visit the institute daily for practicing yoga;

(b) whether sadhakas have been agitating against above decision for the last one month and Government have received a number of representations in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the alternative arrangements made for resumption of classes for benefit of sadhakas who are facing several health related problems due to discontinuation of Yoga practice?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) All Yoga classes have been suspended at the Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga (MDNIY), New Delhi as the class rooms are under re-construction. Alternative arrangements could not be made because of non-availability of suitable space to hold yoga classes for the general public.

(b) and (c) The Government have received a representation against suspension of yoga classes for the general public. The representationists have also called for resumption of classes. As the work is going on in full swing and there is no suitable space available in the proximity, it is not possible to resume yoga classes till the MDNIY building complex is completed.

Negative Publicity of Spurious Drugs

1876. SHRI ABANI ROY:
SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of samples of drugs that have been lifted by drug inspectors during the last three years all over the country, year-wise;